

Appl. No. 10/798,597
Amdt. dated November 2, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 2, 2005

PATENT

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached eight sheets of drawings replace all original drawings on file in the application.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

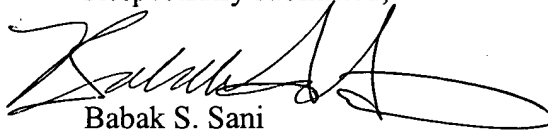
The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 5-15, and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 22, and 24. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended rejected independent claims 1, 3 and 16 to include those elements recited in an allowable dependent claim. Thus, claim 1 as amended incorporates the elements of allowable claim 2, claim 3 as amended incorporates the elements of allowable claim 4, and claim 16 incorporates the elements of allowable claim 22. Applicants submit that the amendments have been made for the purpose of pursuing a speedy allowance and are not to be construed as a concession on the merits of the rejection. Entrance of the amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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